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Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY



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Easter Sunday

Welcome to All in the Name of our Risen Savior!

Christ's resurrection assures us that Jesus' work of redemption for us is total and complete and that His sacrifice for us was accepted by God. Jesus is risen! He is alive! We have complete forgiveness and eternal life through the only Savior of the World, JESUS CHRIST! If you are looking for a church home, we would invite you to join us as we gather to worship our ever-living Savior Jesus every Sunday morning! Please sign our Guest Book at the entry of the church, and if you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Naumann. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

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Today's Worship!

"Christ is Arisen" Solo

Invocation and Responsive Greeting

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P Remember how He told you that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise.

C The Lord is risen!

P Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

C Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P Christ was delivered for our offenses;

C He was raised again for our justification.

P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn 199:1-2 (TLH): *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

**1. Jesus Christ Is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved of God, on this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His Only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead, thereby proving His acceptance of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Hymn 199:3-4 (TLH): *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

3. *But the pains which He endured Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

4. *Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have raised up Your Son from the dead and from the empty tomb caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world; we pray that on this day of great joy shed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that we may with joyful faith cling to the atonement made for our sins and be enabled more and more to serve you in holiness of living in fervent hope of life and glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives forevermore and reigns as our glorious King.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 15:1-11*

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. ² The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³ The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. ⁴ "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. ⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. ⁸ At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹ The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' ¹⁰ You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹ "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

Easter Responsive Reading: *Job 19:23-27*

- P** Oh, that my words were written!
C Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
P That they were engraved on a rock!
C With an iron pen and lead, forever!
P For I know that my Redeemer lives,
C And He shall stand at last on the earth;
P And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
C That in my flesh I shall see God,
P Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
C How my heart yearns within me!
P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you

believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Easter Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

☩ I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world.

I believe that He is the Word made flesh, Who came to earth to redeem all sinners. He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God's commandments on my behalf. He was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved, to fully satisfy the justice of God. He died and was buried.

I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead, as the prophets foretold and as He himself promised. Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection shows that He is God's Son, that His mission of salvation is complete, and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy. With this victory, Christ has become our forerunner, the firstfruits of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work shall rise to eternal life on the Last Day.

Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Amen.

The Confirmation of Mason Dzakowic and Jeremiah Rosen

Hymn 200:1-4 (TLH): *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

1. *I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!*

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. *He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,*

He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.

3. *He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above.*

He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.

4. *He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye,*
He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

The Sermon: *Luke 24:1-9*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Theme: THE EMPTY TOMB IS NO SURPRISE

I. Remember His words

II. Return to tell others

III. Rejoice at the ramifications

Sermon Hymns:

732:1-2 (WS2000): *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

1. *Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:*

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. *Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:*

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life

And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

203 (TLH): Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb

- 1. Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies; See the glorious Savior rise.*
- 2. Ye who are of death afraid Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.*
- 3. Christians, dry your flowing tears Chase your unbelieving fears;
Look on His deserted grave, Doubt no more His power to save.*

198:1,5 (TLH): He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

- 1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened Death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paean prolong.*
- 5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign!*

193:1-3,5 (TLH): Christ the Lord is Risen Today

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.*
- 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo, He sets in blood no more.*
- 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened Paradise.*
- 5. Soar we now where Christ has led, Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

733 (WS2000): This Joyful Eastertide

- 1. This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.*
- *Refrain*: Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.*
- 2. Death's flood has lost its chill, Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. *Refrain**
 - 3. My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber,
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain**

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Scashtag is "Scclmtzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(788:1): **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

The Easter Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

The petitions of the congregation are gathered and presented to the Lord.

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen!

Closing Hymn 200:5-8 (TLH): *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

**5. He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.**

**6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

**8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**